

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
9th Legislative Day
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Susan Stonestreet, United Christian Church, Lincolnville Center.

National Anthem by Bath Middle School Band.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Julie Grosvenor, M.D., East Waterboro.

The Journal of Thursday, January 28, 2016 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 628)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation shall report out, to the Senate, a Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Categorical Signs in Public Rights-of-way."

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Nondiscrimination against Gun Owners in Public Housing"

(S.P. 620) (L.D. 1572)

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Speaker EVES of North Berwick moved that the Bill be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The Chair advised Representative FREDETTE of Newport that his motion was **OUT OF ORDER**.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **REFER** the Bill to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Ordered)

Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Solid Waste Management Laws"

(S.P. 626) (L.D. 1578)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 416)

STATE OF MAINE

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F
LIMESTONE, MAINE 04750

January 25, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora

President & CEO

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 417)

MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

127 COMMUNITY DRIVE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268

January 27, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at mrg@mgfa.com.

Sincerely Yours,

S/Michael R. Goodwin

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 418)

MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL

FACILITIES AUTHORITY

127 COMMUNITY DRIVE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268

January 27, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2016. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-1958 or by email at mrg@mhhefa.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 419)

**MAINEHOUSING
MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
353 WATER STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-4633**

January 28, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2016.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/John Gallagher
Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 420)

**MAINE VENTURE FUND
P. O. BOX 63
NEWPORT, MAINE 04953**

January 26, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached "Report to Legislature for 2015" on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager

Small Enterprise Growth Board
d/b/a Maine Venture Fund

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 421)

**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 27, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank due by February 1, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at mrg@mmbb.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 422)

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
2360 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04102**

January 28, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Speaker Eves:

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 MRSA, §12023, due February 1, 2016. The reports include a list of all procurements in 2015 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived and a list of contributions made in 2015 that exceed \$1,000.

In 2015, the Maine Turnpike Authority made \$109 million in payments to approximately 700 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$98 million paid to 323 vendors, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$10 million in 2015. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022.

There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2015, therefore, there is nothing to report.

Respectfully,

S/Peter Mills

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 423)

**MAINE PORT AUTHORITY
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016**

January 28, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, the Maine Port Authority is pleased to submit the following report to the Legislature, due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/John H. Henshaw

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 424)

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
PO BOX 949
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

January 29, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Bruce Wagner

Chief Executive Officer

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 425)

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
323 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

January 30, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I am pleased to submit on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS) the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 as required by 5 MRSA, §12023.

To report the information required by §12023, MCCS developed a customized reporting feature in the business management module of our information systems for each of the seven colleges and the System Office, and then fed that module with data from the purchase order, cash disbursement, and credit card systems. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make tens of thousands of purchases and expenditures each year. While the task of reporting on these transactions is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue its own ongoing attention to these matters at its regular meetings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

S/Derek P. Langhauser

Interim President

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 426)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 2, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On January 28, 2016

Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley of Portland for reappointment as the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Theodore C. Helberg of Fairfield

for appointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §4561, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Fred W. Bucklin of Appleton

Robert L. Meyers of Bath

Harry K. Ricker of Turner

for appointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §6204, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Daniel L. Rogde of Jonesport

for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Arnold A. Nickerson IV of Arundel

for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Honorable Wesley E. Richardson of Warren

for appointment to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

Pursuant to Title 30, MRSA §6212, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

On January 29, 2016

James M. Cote of Limestone

for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

James A. Clair of China Village

for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Jeffry J. Knuckles, Esq. of Phippsburg

Michael C. Ryan, Esq. of Freeport

for appointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Richard L. Hornbeck, Esq. of Bowdoinham

Katharine I. Rand, Esq. of Scarborough

for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 427)

**MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
96 SEWALL STREET**

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0349

January 29, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

The Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) is submitting the enclosed report pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023 to provide information on procurement, contributions, and changes to relevant policies and procedures by MainePERS during Fiscal Year 2015.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions you might have about the report.

Sincerely,

S/Sandra J. Matheson

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 428)

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

January 28, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Washington County Development Authority due by February 1, 2016.

The WCDA was incorporated in 2003 with the purpose of redeveloping the former Navy Base in Cutler. Several private developers have attempted to redevelop the commercial side of the base but were unsuccessful. In 2015, Cutler North, LLC gifted the commercial side to the WCDA. The Authority is working to bring the facility back into productive use.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Betsy Fitzgerald

WCDA Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 429)

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**16 CENTRAL STREET
BANGOR, MAINE 04401-5106**

January 26, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the University of Maine System due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Chancellor

University of Maine System

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 430)

**EFFICIENCY MAINE
168 CAPITOL STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

February 1, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Efficiency Maine Trust due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Stoddard

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 680)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 28, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Cynthia L. Montgomery, Esq. of Palermo for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Charles F. Budd Jr., Esq. of Bangor for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Thomas J. Nale Sr., Esq. of Waterville for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the

nomination of Sheryl S. Gregory of Litchfield for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, the nomination of Meri N. Lowry, Esq. of Portland for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, the nomination of Robert A. Harmon of Raymond for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

**Pursuant to Statute
Maine Milk Commission**

Representative HICKMAN for the **Maine Milk Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1580)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Representative ROTUNDO for the **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 4 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Clean Election Fund" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1071) (L.D. 1579)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Health Data Organization

Representative GATTINE for the **Maine Health Data Organization** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1581)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.
Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following item:

Recognizing:

Bob Rowe, of Lewiston, on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of New Beginnings after 28 years of leading the agency. Under Mr. Rowe's leadership, New Beginnings expanded from consisting of a single program, the Emergency Shelter for Youth, with 10 employees, to today providing a comprehensive spectrum of programs serving 700 vulnerable young people and families annually, with more than 40 employees. Mr. Rowe began his career in youth services after attending Springfield College in Massachusetts by working at a YMCA, summer camps and a Jewish Community Center in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He came to Maine in the early 1970s, working for Youth and Family Services in Somerset County. In the 1980s, he worked for Horizon House, Dover Children's Home, Juvenile Community Services and Youth Alternatives before becoming New Beginnings' second Executive Director in 1988. We send Mr. Rowe our appreciation for his involvement on local and state levels in advocacy and policy development efforts regarding youth welfare and homelessness. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement;

(HLS 974)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative SAWICKI of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I appreciate having this opportunity to publicly recognize Bob Rowe for his many years of extraordinary dedication to serving Maine's vulnerable youth. The children he has cared for belong to all of us and I am deeply grateful for the heart and wisdom that have guided his service to them at New Beginnings.

While Bob is officially retired, I will note that when I called New Beginnings for Bob's home phone number so I could tell him that the sentiment would be on the calendar this morning, Bob was at the center volunteering as a coach for the boys' basketball team. Clearly, his professional career has been a labor of love. I wish Bob a long and healthy retirement and thank him on behalf of the people of Maine for the positive and important difference he's made in the lives of so many of our state's young people. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1497) Bill "An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 630)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs may report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding tax conformity including methods of funding tax conformity.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the issue of tax conformity certainly is a timely issue as we certainly are past the end of January 31st when people have to get their W-2's and their 1099's out. It's a matter that needs to get before the committee. I want to recognize the hard work the Tax Committee has worked on a similar bill and we look forward to the Appropriations Committee working in an expedited manner to report out a bill so that we can vote on this as well, in terms of full conformity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'll be voting in favor of the motion.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative GILLWAY of Searsport, the House adjourned at 11:09 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 4, 2016, in honor and lasting tribute to C. Wendell Coffin, of Mapleton; Dorothy I. Shute, of Bucksport; Dwayne "Tom" Murphy, Sr., of Dedham; and Clarence Curtis, of Orland.